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Hot Chocolate Will Continue to Flow at Rodden Arena

SUDBURY – The coffee, hot chocolate, snacks and other treats at Mattawa's Mike Rodden Arena will continue to satisfy visitors' cravings now that the Ontario government is helping a young entrepreneur take over the canteen service, Northern Development and Mines Minister Rick Bartolucci announced today.

"Supporting the creation of new small business opportunities in northern communities will help keep our youth in the North," said Bartolucci, who is also chair of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC). "Helping them grow their own businesses is a priority for us and a fundamental element of our Northern Prosperity Plan."

Nanette Rockburn is taking over the canteen counter at the Mike Rodden Arena in Mattawa from the previous operator, who is relinquishing the business after having run it for 15 years. The NOHFC will provide \$13,500 through its Young Entrepreneur Program for necessary upgrades and for the purchase of new equipment and fixtures.

"The Mike Rodden Arena is a focal point for sporting events and other recreational and social activities for many residents and visitors to Mattawa," said Nipissing MPP Monique Smith. "I am pleased that members of the Mattawa community will continue to enjoy the services of the arena snack bar for years to come."

This initiative is just one way the McGuinty government is supporting northern prosperity. Others include:

- Investing \$64,500 in Northern Community Investment Readiness funding to identify community and regional assets to determine barriers to investment and develop a strategic plan for linking Blue Sky communities with regional industry clusters
- Investing \$25,000 through its Young Entrepreneur Program to launch an electro-mechanical engineering robotics service for major industrial manufacturers in Corbeil.

These initiatives are part of the government's Northern Prosperity Plan for building stronger northern communities. The Northern Prosperity Plan has four pillars: Strengthening the North and its

Communities; Listening to and Serving Northerners Better; Competing Globally; and Providing Opportunities for All.

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